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REVISION IN ELECTORAL ROLLS
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Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the electoral rolls in Assam have been intensively revised earlier for the detection and deportation of foreigners;

(b) if so, the total number of persons who were issued notices to appear for hearing about their citizenship along with the number of persons who have been verified and declared as Indian citizens:

(c) the total number of cases referred to the foreigner tribunal and the number of cases disposed off till date: and

(d) the number of cases out of them decided ex-partel

Answer

MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE AND COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) to (c): The Election Commission has informed that it ordered intensive revision of electoral roll with reference to 01.01.1997 and 01.01.2005 as the qualifying dates. The intensive revision is not conducted for the detection and deportation of foreigners. The Commission has further informed that during the intensive revision of electoral roll with reference to 01.01.1997 as the qualifying date, verification was done in respect of total 1799857 persons out of which a total cases of 202092 persons were referred to the competent authority under the Illegal Migrants (Determination by Tribunals) Act, 1983 or the Foreigners Act. 1946 for further reference to the concerned Tribunal as their citizenship was found doubtful or disputed by the Electoral Registration Officer. Further, out of the total 202092 referred cases, a total of 63102 cases have been disposed and 138990 cases are pending in the Tribunals till date. Out of total cases disposed. 10724 persons have been declared as foreigners.

(d): The Election Commission has informed that it does not maintain data regarding ex-parte disposal of the cases.